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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law (July 2020–present)

Interim Dean (July 2023–August 2024)

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs (July 2020–June 2023)

A.D. Freeman Associate Professor of Civil Law (July 2018–June 2020) (tenured as of July 1, 2018)

Charles E. Lugenbuhl Associate Professor of Law (July 2016–June 2018)

Associate Professor of Law (July 2015–July 2016)

Gordon Gamm Faculty Scholar (January 2015–July 2016)

Assistant Professor of Law (July 2012–July 2015)

Courses:

Civil Law Property I, Civil Law Property II, Common Law Property, Community Property, Property Theory Seminar, Theory of Property Honors Colloquium (undergraduate)

Committee Service:

Appointments Committee (2024–2025)

Assessments Committee (Chair: 2024–2025)

Academic Affairs (2017–2018, 2019–2020; Chair: 2017–2018)

Search Committee for Assistant Dean for Academic Services (Chair: 2021)

Search Committee for Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration (Chair: 2019)

Search Committee for Assistant Dean for Career Development (Chair: 2022, 2017)

Search Committee for Director of Academic Success (2022)

Executive Committee (2016–2017, 2019–2020)

Career Development (2013–2016, 2017–2019; Chair: 2014–2015)

Intellectual Life (2012–2013, 2015–2017; Chair: 2016–2017)

University Service:

Tulane History Project, Co-Chair (2021–present)

University Senate, Parliamentarian (2017–2023)

SACS Reaccreditation Committee (2020–2022)

Senate Student Affairs Committee (2017–2020; Chair: 2019–2020)

Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity & Anti-Discrimination Grievances Against Faculty (2019–2020)

Tulane Hearing Board (2014–2018)

Special Academic Collaborations Task Force (2014–2015)

Student Service:

Real Property Student Society, Faculty Advisor (2020–present)

Civil Law Society, Faculty Advisor (2013–present)

Federal Bar Association Tulane Division, Faculty Advisor (2013–present)

Honors:

Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award (2025, 2015)

Leadership in Law Award from New Orleans City Business (2021)

Presidential Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching (2019)

Selected for Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum (2015)

EDUCATION

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Juris Doctor, Graduate Diploma in Civil Law, *summa cum laude* (May 2009)

Louisiana State Law Review (Executive Senior Editor for Volume 69; Junior Associate for Volume 68)

Selected Honors and Awards:

Order of the Coif

Recipient of CALI Awards for the highest grade in twenty-two classes

ALI-ABA Scholarship & Leadership Award

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy, Minor in Spanish (May 2004)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, Energy Regulation and Litigation Practice Group (October 2010–May 2012)

Summer Associate (May 2008–July 2008)

Honorable W. Eugene Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Lafayette, Louisiana

Judicial Clerk (August 2009–August 2010)

Intern (May 2007–June 2007)

U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu, Washington, DC

Deputy Communications Director (May 2005–June 2006)

Legislative Correspondent for Health, Education, Welfare, Women, and Children (May 2004–May 2005)

Legislative Staff Assistant and Intern (June 2001–May 2004)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

PROPERTY: PRINCIPLES, VALUES, AND TRADEOFFS (West Academic Publishing) (with Michael Pappas and Peter M. Gerhart) (2025)

COMMUNITY PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES (8th ed., Carolina Academic Press) (with William A. Reppy, Jr. and Cynthia A. Samuel) (2015)

Articles

Managing Co-Owned Property (work-in-progress)

Management of Former Community Property at 30: What's Working and What's Not (work-in-progress)

An Exploration into Louisiana Enclosed Estate Doctrine, 94 TUL. L. REV. 519 (2020)

Valuing Community Property Businesses: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Louisiana Law, 80 LA. L. REV. 809 (2020) (solicited article)

Privacy and Spouses in Louisiana: The Community Property Conundrum and Proposals for Reform, 92 TUL. L. REV. 219 (2017) (solicited article)

Reframing Ameliorative Waste, 65 AM. J. COMP. LAW 335 (2017) (selected for presentation at 2015 Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum)

Privacy and Community Property, 95 N.C. L. REV. 729 (2017)

Abandonment and Adverse Possession, 52 HOUS. L. REV. 1385 (2015)

How Community Property Jurisdictions Can Avoid Being Lost in Cyberspace, 72 LA. L. REV. 89 (2011)
(solicited symposium article)

Classifying Virtual Property in Community Property Regimes: Are My Facebook Friends Considered Earnings, Profits, Increases in Value, or Goodwill?, 85 TUL. L. REV. 717 (2011)

Nonuse and Easements: Creating a Pliability Regime of Private Eminent Domain, 78 TENN. L. REV. 1 (2010)

Buried by the Sands of Time: The Problem with Peremption, 70 LA. L. REV. 1179 (2010)

Comment, *Civil Law Compromise, Common Law Accord and Satisfaction: Can the Two Doctrines Coexist in Louisiana?*, 69 LA. L. REV. 175 (2008)

Book Chapters

Las Medias de Protección del Cónyuge Supérstite en los Estados Unidos: “Community Property” y “Elective Share”, in *Perspectivas Comparadas para la Protección Conyugal* (Atelier Libros Jurídicos) (forthcoming 2026)

Classification of Community Property: A U.S. Perspective, in *FAMILY PROPERTY AND THE LAW* (Edward Elgar, 2024)

Essays

A Tribute to Thanassi: The Influence of Justinian on American Common Law Property, 78 LA. L. REV. 1111 (2018) (solicited essay)

Book Reviews

The Intertwined Nature of Property and Regulation: A Book Review of Regulating Property Rights: The Transforming Notion of Property in Transnational Business Regulation, 5 EUR. PROP. L. J. 280 (2017)
(solicited book review)

Chinese Takings, 65 AM. J. COMP. LAW 222 (2017) (solicited book review)

Blogs

Assorted Posts, PropertyProf Blogs, <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/property/>

Other Publications

Carnival, Custom, and Law, AMER. ASSOC. LAW LIB. FCIL NEWSLETTER (Spring 2025) (solicited contribution)

Comprar Terrenos con Seguridad en Estados Unidos: un Vistazo a Su Sistema Registral, LA BUHAIRA (May–July 2023) (translated by Juan Pablo Murga Fernandez) (solicited contribution)

Throw Me Some Property Law, Mister! How Property Law Underlies New Orleans’ Mardi Gras Traditions, NAT. ASSOC. APP. CT. ATT’Y (Spring 2019) (solicited contribution)

Adverse Possession: Acts, Time, and Faith, and What They Mean for Title Insurance Attorneys, ABA TITLE INS. LIT. COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER (Winter 2017) (solicited contribution)

Louisiana Supreme Court: A Year in Review (with Ronald J. Scalise Jr.)

Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (scheduled June 2026, June 2025, June 2024, November 2023, June 2023)

Managing Co-Owned Property

Tulane University Faculty Workshop Series (scheduled October 2025)

Essential Differences of Civil Law Obligations and Common Law Contracts

University of Malaga Law School (scheduled October 2025)

Cuestiones Económicas con El Sistema Registral y “Community Property” en los Estados Unidos

Dean’s Office of the Spanish Association of Registrars (scheduled October 2025)

El Sistema Registral en los Estados Unidos: Conceptos Básicos

University of Seville Law School (scheduled October 2025)

A Discussion on Seven Counties Infrastructure and Its Future Impacts

American College of Real Estate Counsel, Land Use / Environmental Committee (September 2025)

Updates in Property, Sales, and Lease

Recent Developments Series for Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (scheduled December 2025, November 2025, October 2025, September 2025)

U.S. Supreme Court: A Year in Review

Jefferson Parish Bar Association (April 2025); Louisiana Judicial College (October 2023)

Updates in Louisiana Real Estate Law

Louisiana Judicial College/Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (scheduled June 2026, scheduled December 2025, June 2025, June 2024, June 2023, June 2022, June 2021, June 2019, June 2018); New Orleans Bar Association, Real Property Committee (October 2015)

Las Medias de Protección del Cónyuge Supérstite en los Estados Unidos

University of Madrid International and Comparative Law Symposium on Protections for the Surviving Spouse (February 2025)

Property, Permits, and Parades

New Orleans Bar Association (February 2025, January 2025)

Writing for the Fifth: Who Said It and Did It Work? (with Erin Donelon and Joshua S. Force)

Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Conference (October 2024)

Space Law and the Similarities Between Space Law, Admiralty Law, and Aviation Law

Louisiana State Bar Association Space Law CLE (October 2024)

A Primer on U.S. Land Registry and Recording Systems

University of Seville and the Dean’s Office of the Spanish Association of Registrars (October 2023)

Creating Default Management Rules for Tenants in Common: A New Uniform Law Commission Project

Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit (March 2023)

Complications of Co-Ownership in Community Property

Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2022); Louisiana Judicial College/Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (June 2022)

Civil Law vs. Common Law: What's the Difference for Family Lawyers

International Academy of Family Lawyers Annual Conference (February 2022)

Louisiana Co-Ownership and Trusts & Estates: When It Happens, What it Means, and Why to Avoid It

Tulane Estate Planning Annual Conference (November 2021); Louisiana Family Law Seminar (November 2021)

Professor's Update: Takings After Knick in a Time of Pandemic

American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Trusts and Estates Spring Conference (May 2020)

Introduction of E-Evidence in Family Law Cases

Family Law Seminar, Loyola Law School (November 2019); Louisiana District Attorneys Association Annual Conference (May 2014); Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2013); Louisiana Judicial College/Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (June 2013)

Valuing Community Property Businesses: The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Louisiana Jurisprudence

Tulane Estate Planning Annual Conference (November 2019); Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2019)

An Exploration into Louisiana Enclosed Estate Law

Association of Law Property, and Society, Syracuse University Law School (May 2019); Tulane Law School and Murphy Institute Regulatory Workshop (February 2019)

Throw Me Some Property, Mister! How Louisiana Property Law Serves as the Foundation to Mardi Gras Rules and Customs

Conference of Business Counsel, Inc. (May 2019); New Orleans Bas Association (February 2023, February 2022, February 2019); Tulane Civil Law Society (February 2025, February 2024, February 2023, February 2022, February 2021, February 2020, February 2019, February 2018, February 2017)

Community Property Businesses 101: What You Need to Know About LLCs, LLPs, and Other Business Entities

Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2018)

Louisiana Civil Law vs. United States Common Law: How Different Are They?

National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys Annual Meeting (July 2018)

Ownership, Equity, and Development: A Comparative Taxonomy of Property Rights

Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference, University of Toronto (September 2018); International Academy of Comparative Law, Younger Scholars Forum, Fukuoka, Japan (July 2018); Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of Michigan (May 2017); Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond (May 2017); Faculty Workshop, Chapman University (April 2017); Real Property Law Schmooze, Texas A&M University School of Law (February 2017); University of Passau, Germany (June 2016); PostDoc Conference on European Private Law, Max Planck Institute (April 2016)

Managing Marital Property

Association of Law, Property, and Society, Maastricht University (May 2018)

Professor's Corner Webinar on Revisiting the Law of Waste: Emerging Issues and Contemporary Debates

ABA Real Property, Trusts and Estate Law Section, Moderator (November 2017)

Privacy and Spouses in Louisiana: The Community Property Conundrum and Proposals for Reform

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Panelist for Digital Property Task Force (October 2017); Faculty Workshop, Southern University Law School (March 2017); University of Passau, Germany (June 2016)

Disavowal, Avowal, Filiation

Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2017)

Property, Retroactivity, and Obergefell

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Discussion Group Moderator (August 2017)

Professor's Corner Webinar on Adverse Possession

ABA Real Property, Trusts and Estate Law Section (October 2016)

Privacy and Community Property

Property Roundtable, Tulane University Law School (October 2016); Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2016); Harry Krause Emerging Family Law Scholars Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law (May 2016); Association of Law, Property, and Society, Queen's University Belfast (May 2016)

Goodwill and Valuation of Community Property Businesses

Family Law Seminar, New Orleans Bar Association (July 2016); Lake Charles CLE by the Hour (December 2014); Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2014)

The American System for Legal Education

University of Passau, Germany (June 2016)

Co-ownership in Community Property

Annual Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (September 2015)

A Tribute to Judge Rubin: The Ethics of Gilbert and Sullivan and How They Relate to Today's Law

Judge Alvin B. Rubin Symposium, New Orleans Federal Bar Association (May 2015)

Helmholz Revisited

Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of Georgia Law School (May 2015)

Reframing Ameliorative Waste

American Society of Comparative Law, Younger Comparativists Conference, Tulane University Law School (March 2016); "Contested Property Claims" Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark (December 2015); Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School (June 2015); Property Roundtable, Tulane University Law School (March 2015); Southeast Law Schools Junior Senior Faculty Workshop, Florida State University (October 2014); SEALS Annual Conference (August 2014); Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of British Columbia (May 2014)

Property Law Issues Facing the 2014 Louisiana Legislature

New Orleans Bar Association, Real Property Committee (March 2014)

Abandonment and Adverse Possession

Faculty Workshop Series, Tulane University Law School (March 2014); Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of Minnesota Law School (April 2013); "'Vulnerable Demons'?: Moral Rhetoric and the Criminalisation of Squatting" Workshop, Durham Law School (March 2013)

Discussant for Carol Rose's The Law is Nine-Tenths of Possession: An Adage Turned on its Head

Faculty Workshop Series, Tulane University Law School (November 2013)

English Property, Roman Roots: The Influence of Justinian on American Common Law Property

Bartolus Society (May 2013)

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

Legislative Update: The New Utility Servitude in Louisiana Property Law

New Orleans Bar Association, Real Property Committee (May 2013)

Divorce in the Digital Age

CLE by the Hour, Tulane University Law School (December 2012); Annual Family Law Seminar, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (October 2011)

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Information on Louisiana Senate Bill 35 on Enclosed Estates and Utility Servitudes, Louisiana Senate Judiciary A Committee (April 22, 2025)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Law Institute

Member (elected) (July 2022–present)

American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Fellow (elected) (March 2021–present)

Uniform Law Commission

Reporter, Drafting Committee on Tenancy-in-Common Default Rules (March 2021–September 2023)

Reporter, Study Committee on Tenancy-in-Common Default Rules (March 2020–January 2021)

Observer, Study Committee on Adverse Possession (November 2017–March 2018)

American Society of Comparative Law

Parliamentarian (October 2017–present)

Nomination Committee (October 2020–present)

By-Laws Committee (October 2020–present)

Strategic Oversight Committee (November 2016–June 2017)

Younger Comparativists Committee (Board Member: December 2014–November 2016)

Younger Comparativists Program Committee (Chair: May 2015–May 2016)

Louisiana State Law Institute

Council (January 2013–present; Junior Honorary Member, January 2010–December 2010)

Property Committee (Reporter, February 2019–present)

Constitutional Laws Committee (January 2017–present)

Water Law Committee (January 2016–present)

Tax Sales Committee (October 2015–present)

Private Use of Levee Roads (August 2015–July 2016)

Persons–Marriage Committee (April 2011–October 2022)

Signification of Terms Committee (March 2015–present)

Aleatory Contracts Committee (February 2014–present)

Utility Servitudes Committee (November 2011–June 2015)

Birth Certificates Committee (October 2011–June 2016)

Prescription Committee (September 2011–present)

Surrogacy Committee (August 2011–June 2016)

Louisiana Appleseed

Board (January 2020–present)

Association of Law, Property, and Society

Board (May 2015–2023)

Immediate Past President (2022–2023)

President (2021–2022)

Vice President (2020–2021)

Treasurer (2019–2020)

Secretary (2018–2019)

Program Committee (October 2012–present; Chair: 2014–2018)

Tulane Estate Planning Institute Advisory Board

Member (January 2016–present)

Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter

Board of Directors (July 2012–July 2018)

Society of Bartolus

Member (December 2011–present)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Kimberly Stawbridge Robinson, *Conservative Fifth Circuit is an Outlier for Supreme Court*, BLOOMBERG LAW (Jan. 20, 2025)

Jacqueline Thomsen, *New Fifth Circuit Judges Possible for Trump, Big Cases to Shift*, BLOOMBERG LAW (Nov. 7, 2024)

Jacqueline Thomsen, *Fifth Circuit Divide Sees Bush Judges Check Trump Appointees*, BLOOMBERG LAW (Oct. 23, 2024)

Julia Guilbeau, *Can I Rent My House or Apartment for Taylor Swift Weekend?* TIMES-PICAYUNE | NOLA.COM (Oct. 3, 2024)

Otis R. Taylor, Jr., *When Eviction Protections are Lifted, How Will People Afford to Pay Accumulated Rent?*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRON. (May 22, 2020)

How to Prevent Today's Housing Crisis From Getting Worse, TIMES-PICAYUNE | NEW ORLEANS ADVOCATE (May 11, 2020)

Amanda Roberts, *"Short Term Solution": Concern Grows Over Extending Eviction Moratorium*, FOX 8 WVUE (May 5, 2020)

Kaitlin Menza, *Where Did Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation Go Wrong?*, ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST (Jan. 18, 2019)

Shelley Brown, *Parish Clears Thousands of Dollars in Man's Landscaping*, FOX 8 WVUE (Jul. 13, 2017)

Chandra Lye, *Christ Episcopal School, St. Tammany Parish Sued Over Lights on Athletic Field*, LA. RECORD (Jul. 7, 2017)

Jessica Williams, *Uproar After Landlord Urges Tenants to Oppose New Orleans Rental Registry, or Else Face Higher Rent*, NEW ORLEANS ADVOCATE (Mar. 4, 2017)

Jacqueline Quynh, *What Are the Rules for Staking Out Your Parade Spot*, WWL TV (Feb. 23, 2017)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES (CONT.)

Lex Talamo, *Renters: Do You Know Your Rights?*, SHREVEPORT TIMES (June 11, 2016)

Shelley Brown, *Rental Scam Investigation Uncovers More Trouble*, FOX 8 WVUE (Aug. 6, 2015)

Court Should End Louisiana's Ban on Same-Sex Marriage: Editorial, TIMES-PICAYUNE (Jan. 9, 2015)

Andy Grimm, *Fate of Still-Popular Louisiana Gay Marriage Ban Likely Left to Courts*, TIMES-PICAYUNE (Jan. 8, 2015)

The Think Tank with Garland Robinette, *On Landowner's Rights*, WWL RADIO (Apr. 23, 2014)

Peter Moskowitz, *As Louisiana's Coast Disappears, So Does Landowners' Money*, ALJAZEERA AMERICA (Apr. 3, 2014)

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Louisiana (admitted April 2010)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Orleans Parish Ethics Review Board

Member (June 2024–present)

Secretary (June 2025–present)

Louise S. McGehee School

Parents Annual Giving Co-Chair (June 2019–June 2021)

Auction Chair (Spring 2018–Spring 2020)

Tour Guide (Fall 2018–Fall 2020)

Car Raffle Co-Chair (Spring 2018)

Spirit Night Co-Chair (Spring 2017–Spring 2018)

Girl Scout Troop 40886

Troop Leader (September 2015–May 2019)